# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:75
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2006
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM .
Singh Shri Prabhunath

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) The total amount allocated/released to various State Governments/UTs for development of tourism during each of the last three years, State-wise ;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government has any mechanism to ensure full utilisation of funds meant for tourism related projects;

(d) If so, whether the Government proposes to strengthen the tourism related infrastructure for attracting the foreign tourists; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 75 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.7.2006 REGARDING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM

(a) & (b): A Statement showing the total amount allocated/released to various State/UT Governments for development of tourism during the last three years is at Annexure.

(c): Ministry of Tourism has the following mechanism to ensure full utilisation of funds meant for tourism related projects;

(i) The implementation of the sanctioned projects are monitored regularly by the Ministry of Tourism in review meetings held with the State/UT Governments and the implementing agencies.

(ii) Domestic field offices of the Ministry are also actively involved in monitoring the projects at the field level to ensure expeditious implementation of the projects.

(iii) Ministry of Tourism, while sanctioning the projects also fixes time limits for completion of the projects in consultation with the State/UT Governments.

(iv) The State Govts. are also impressed upon to intimate the progress of the implementation of the projects in the form of quarterly progress report prescribed for this purpose.

(v) State level Monitoring Committees, headed by the Secretary (Tourism) of the respective States/UTs also monitor the progress of implementation of the sanctioned projects.

(d) & (e): Ministry of Tourism extends central financial assistance for tourism infrastructure development to States/UT Governments, Central Government Agencies, Public Sector Undertakings and Private Sector Companies under its following schemes:

(i) Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits

(ii) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects

(iii) Incentives to Accommodation Infrastructure-Subsidies

In addition, Ministry of Tourism approves and classifies Hotels, Heritage properties, Apartment Hotels, Guest Houses, Time share resorts, Bed and Breakfast establishments to ensure standard accommodation to tourists. Ministry of Tourism has also been in constant touch with various State Governments and land owning agencies to follow investor friendly land policies, creation of land banks and adoption of the policy of single window clearance for tourism projects.